

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2007

This meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Re-organization of the Selectboard: Lewis made a motion that the Board elect a slate of officers as follows: Tom Bodett, Chair; Cindy Jerome, Vice-Chair; and Andrew MacFarland, Clerk. The motion was seconded by Cindy. No other nominations were made and the motion passed.

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome, Clerk Andrew MacFarland and Lewis White

Member Absent: Paul Normandeau

Also Present: Ahren Ahrenholz, Virginia Carter, Wayne Emery, Maria Glabach, Doug Hamilton, Beverly Knapp, Ruth Marx, Pam McFadden, Corin Nelsen, Harold & Jean Newell, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Cindy and second from Tom, the Board approved the minutes from February 28th.

Cindy moved and Lewis seconded to pay Warrants 19, 19P and 19P*. Tom moved to amend the motion to include the bill from Kruse-Ziffer for truck repairs that was not paid at the last meeting. He reported to the Board that Ford Customer Service refused to negotiate any further with us on this repair and no compromise could be reached. Cindy seconded the motion to amend and the motion passed as amended.

The Board recognized Ahren Ahrenholz who discussed Windham Regional Commission's Energy Committee. He urged the Board to become involved and to help in educating the community.

The Board recognized Corin Nelsen from the Planning Commission. He presented the correctly worded revision to Section 1.6 of the Telecommunications Ordinance. (see attached sheet for revised wording) On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board voted to amend the ordinance as written. Laurie will contact VLCT to find out exactly what needs to be done to warn the amendment.

Tom went over the history of the Board's discussion of the application of tax prebates/rebates; no decision has yet been made whether to apply the funds to the first tax payment or to pro-rate the payments to include both due dates. After hearing from Town Auditors, Jean Newell and Maria Glabach, as well as residents Ruth Marx, Harold Newell and Doug Hamilton, Andrew made a motion to apply the funds received from the State to the first tax payment due in August. Any remaining funds will be applied to the second payment due in February. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote, with one abstention.

The Auditors reported to the Board that the typing and printing of the Town Report came in under budget this year. They thanked Laurie for her hard work.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the 2007 truck's plow and frame have been damaged yet again. He believes that the plow was of inferior construction; however, Tenco is standing behind their product. Wayne also reported that the 1994 Mack broke down during the last snowstorm; it has since been repaired.

The bid specs for the new truck and equipment are ready to be sent out to vendors. Cindy questioned Wayne about looking at something other than Fords or Macks. He advised that he'll be looking at Internationals and Freightliners as well.

Tom asked Wayne about the possibility of keeping the Ford in service for another year since a heavy-duty transmission has been installed.

Cindy asked Wayne about the status of the 2007 Better Backroads Grant Application. He has not had the time to review it. Since the deadline for submission is March 30th, the Town will not file it this year.

At Paul's request, the Board agreed to table discussion of the Davidsons' correspondence regarding the reappraisal process.

Tom updated the Board on the Carpenter Gravel Pit. Dennis Wilson (Putney's road foreman) is purchasing a handicapped "port-a-potty" to be used at the pit instead of the towns having to install a full septic system; thus saving both towns a considerable amount of money.

Ken Carpenter has requested that the Town calculate the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to take effect July 1, 2007 and forward that figure to him. The lease states that it is to be the other way around, but we are offering this exception at his request.

There is still an outstanding payment for development costs of \$6000 due the Town from Ken as the result of a lost check. Tom will follow up with Ken on this issue when he delivers the CPI adjustment figure. Laurie has been asked to make those calculations.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board approved the attached list of appointed town officers. Town residents interested in being appointed to the Windham Regional Commission will be invited to the next Board meeting.

The Board has received four applications for Road Foreman. The due date for applying is March 15th. Cindy will contact the applicants to set up interviews on April 2nd and/or April 3rd. These interviews will be conducted in Executive Session.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board signed a Petition for Pole & Wire Location on Hill Road

On a motion from Tom and second by Cindy, the Board accepted the resignation of Andrew MacFarland from the Development Review Board.

Tom spoke to the Board about the upcoming UVM Town Officer Education Conferences to be held in Fairlee on April 18th and Rutland on April 24th.

The Board reviewed a request received from Teri Robinson at the Dummerston School for \$40 from the Miller Fund to allow a Dummerston student to continue taking Spanish lessons at an after-school program held at the school. On a motion from Tom and second by Cindy, the request was approved.

The Board will hold its next Goals Work Session on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00PM.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Board adjourned its regular meeting and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Cindy, the Board approved a Liquor License renewal for the Colonel's Cabin.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Tom, the Liquor Commission adjourned at 10:55PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant